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1. CHINA

SEN JACKSON (D-WASH) VISITED PEKING STEEL WORKS 2/13,
AS HE BEGAN PRC VISIT EXPECTED LAST ONE WEEK. JACKSON
WILL BE TALKING W/PRC OFFICIALS ON ENERGY MATTERS/BEING
HOSTED BY CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FON AFFAIRS
(REUTER/PEKING).
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ACCORDING PEKING INFORMED SOURCES, PRC GOODWILL DEL
EXPECTED VISIT INDIA END OF MONTH (REUTER/PEKING, 2/10).

RAM (CSM/DELHI) REPORTS DIPLO ANALYSTS IN INDIA SEE TENG
HSIAO-PING'S RECENT VISITS BURMA/NEPAL AS BEGINNING "NEW
DIPLO THRUST TO ISOLATE HEGEMONISTIC POWERS" IN S ASIA.
NEPALESE VISIT SEEN AS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT AS IT
UNDERSCORED, ACCORDING ANALYSTS, PRC PERCEPTION OF NEPAL
AS BUFFER BETW CHINA/INDIA. NOTES AT SAME TIME, TENG
INDICATED PRC EAGER TO IMPROVE RELS W/INDIA AND -- TO

INDIA'S SURPRISE -- EXPRESSED CAUTION RE NEPAL'S PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE PRC IN PLAN FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION ON HARNESSING IN WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. S ASIA

DESCRIBED NOW AS "RELATIVELY TENSION-FREE" AREA; TENG HIMSELF PROMOTING LINE THAT REGION'S PEOPLE NOW REALIZE RIVALRY OF TWO "HEGEMONISTIC POWERS" MAIN CAUSE OF TURMOIL/THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED OPPOSE HEGEMONISTIC CONTROL.

CANADA'S EXPULSION 11 SOVIET CITIZENS ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE 2/11 IN JENMIN JIH PAO (REUTER/PEKING NYT, 2/12).

NCNA REPORTS PRC HAS DEVELOPED NEW METHOD FOR MAKING SYNTHETIC RUBBER WHICH INVOLVES USING GASOLINE AS SOLVENT (UPI/JOC, HK).

USLO'S WOODCOCK REPORTED TO CONFIRM 2/11 THAT HE HAS FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM ESTRANGED WIFE SO HE CAN MARRY USLO AIDE (WSTAR, 2/12).

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SHAO HSIOW-KWEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL ROC BOARD FOR TRADE, ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PROCUREMENT MISSION IN US SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR 223 MIL DOLS SO FAR IN EFFORT NARROW TAIWAN'S TRADE SURPLUS W/US. SHAO INDICATES ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED COULD PUSH TOTAL TO 300 MIL DOLS (DUTMAN/REUTER, 2/10; COOPER, JOC).

2. CHINA/JAPAN

WSJ BRIEF NOTES THAT BECAUSE JAPAN DOES NOT HAVE DIPL TIES W/ROC, "CHINA AIRLINES" WON'T BE ALLOWED OPERATE OUT OF NARITA AIRPORT WHEN FACILITY OPENS IN MARCH. INSTEAD WILL HAVE USE HANEDA FACILITY, WHICH ACCORDING PAPER, IS BLESSING IN DISGUISE SINCE MUCH CLOSER TO DOWNTOWN TOKYO THAN NARITA.

HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE BUSINESS MISSION WILL LEAVE 2/14 FOR PEKING TO CONCLUDE JAPAN'S BIGGEST TRADE DEAL W/PRC SINCE WWII. 20-BIL-DOL PACT CALLS FOR PRC SWAP COAL/OIL FOR JAPANESE PLANTS/TECHNOLOGY OVER NEXT 8 YRS (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

3. JAPAN

TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL MET W/UK/France/FRG/JAPAN FINANCE MINS IN PARIS 2/12 FOR CONFIDENTIAL TALKS ON WORLD ECON PROBLEMS. AT SAME TIME, OECD SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AMONG ITS ADVISERS SUGGESTING DOLLAR MIGHT FALL FURTHER WHILE MARK/YEN INCREASE UNLESS FRG/JAPAN ADOPT MORE EXPANSIONARY ECON POLS (LEWIS, NYT).

MINIMUM PRICE PLAN FOR STEEL IMPORTS WILL GO INTO EFFECT 2/21, BUT TREAS OFFICIALS WARN PROGRAM WILL NOT BE PERMANENT. MEANWHILE, BETHLEHEM STEEL SAID 2/10 TRIGGER PRICES SET TOO LOW/CONTENDED THEY DO NOT "ADEQUATELY REFLECT JAPANESE COSTS." URGED TREASURY REVISE MINIMUM PRICES UPWARD (ROWE, WP; UPI, WSTAR, BOTH 2/11).

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UPI (JOC) REPORTS JAPANESE STEEL MFRS BRACING FOR SLUMP, AS MITI PREDICTS JAPAN'S CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT FOR FY77 WILL DIP BELOW 100-MIL-TON MARK FOR 1ST TIME SINCE '72. STEEL FIRMS' ECONOMISTS SEE LITTLE HOPE FOR REVIVAL STEEL DEMAND FOR SEVERAL YRS, AND JAPANESE INDUSTRY HAS ALREADY BLOWN OUT 22 OF COUNTRY'S 68 BLAST FURNACES.

CONSORTIUM 24 JAPANESE BANKS WILL PROVIDE NATL BANK OF CUBA 41.4-MIL-DOL LOAN FOR FINANCING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (UPI, WSTAR 2/11).

4. JAPAN/KOREA

JAPAN'S FY78 DEFENSE BUDGET WILL INCREASE BY 12.4 PCT. US OFFICIALS FEEL INCREASE REFLECTS SOME DEGREE JAPANESE UNEASINESS OVER PHASED W/DRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS SK. "QUALIFIED SOURCE" SAYS JAPAN CONCERNED OVER SOVIET EXPANSION INTO SK IN EVENT OF WAR--SITUATION WHICH WOULD INCREASE THREAT TO JAPAN'S MARITIME LIFELINES, INCL MIDEAST OIL TRAFFIC. LARGE SLICE JAPAN'S NEW DEF BUDGET WILL BE SPENT ON WEAPONS SYSTEMS DESIGNED IMPROVE JAPAN'S AIR/SEA DEFENSES.

SAME ITEM CITES RECENT "KOREA HERALD" INTERVIEW W/US' SK CMDR GEN VESSEY, IN WHICH HE SAID IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY JAPANESE/SKOREAN FORCES, COUPLED W/MORE SOPHISTICATED MIL EQUIPMENT FOR SK WILL COMPENSATE FOR US W/DRAWAL. STATED SUCH MEASURES "WILL MAKE IT CLEAR" TO NK THAT "ATTACK CANNOT SUCCEED." VESSEY ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT NK'S OBJECTIVE OF "OVERWHELMING" ROK "HAS NOT CHANGED" (MIDDLETON, NYT 2/12).

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5. KOREA

AT 2/10 NEWS CONF, VANCE WAS ASKED WHAT BENEFIT US W/DRAWAL COULD HAVE FOR ROKG. SECSTATE REPLIED PROGRAM "WILL MAKE A STRONGER AND MORE SELF RELIANT" SK, ADDING

W/DRAWAL CAN BE DONE "WITHOUT ANY DANGER TO SOUTH KOREA." STRESSED "THERE SHOULD BE NO FEAR" ABOUT STRENGTH US' COMMITMENT TO ROK UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT, CALLING IT "UNWISE" FOR ANYONE DOUBT IT-- "INCLUDING THE NORTH KOREANS" (REUTER 2/10).

SFRC REPORT URGES CONGRESS AVOID LINKING US W/DRAWAL W/INFLUENCE-BUYING PROBE. REPORT ADDS US MUST PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY W/PULLOUT PLANS, NOTING "CURRENT IMBALANCES" BETW NK/SK FORCES WARRANTS CLOSE ATTENTION. REPORT, PREPARED BY LATE SEN HUMPHREY/SEN GLENN, ALSO RECOMMENDS "MAJOR DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE" TO BRING NK/SK TO NEGOTIATING TABLE. WHILE NOTING SK'S HUMAN RTS RECORD NOT GOOD, STATED NK'S RECORD "BY COMPARISON, IS ABYSMAL" (WEINRAUB, NYT 2/12; REUTER, SUN).

CSM'S STUART CITES CSM POLL 37 HIRC MEMBERS. RESULTS: 14 FAVOR REDUCING/HALTING US AID TO FORCE SKOREAN COOPERATION W/INVESTIGATIONS, WHILE ONLY 7 MEMBERS OPPOSE IT; SUPPORT SHOWS SIGNS NEARING MAJORITY IF MIL AID EXEMPTED/CUTBACK LIMITED TO ECON AID; 11 MEMBERS REMAIN UNDECIDED, MOST OF WHOM SAY THEY ARE TORN BETW DESIRE EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION AND QUALMS ABOUT USING THIS TACTIC. ALSO NOTED IS FACT CMTE MEMBERS REPEATEDLY RATED FORMER SK AMB KIM DONG JO AS CRUCIAL TO PROBE.

NYT'S MALCOLM (SEOUL) WRITES ON ROKG'S CRACKDOWN ON COMEDIANS. STATES LATE LAST FALL, CULTURE/INFO MINISTRY OFFICIALS SENT WORD TO MEDIA HEADS THAT CERTAIN POL HUMOR CONSIDERED DAMAGING TO EDUCATION OF YOUNG SKOREANS/ UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT BEFITTING SK'S NATL PRIDE. WHILE STATEMENTS MILD, BROADCASTERS RECEIVED CLEAR MESSAGE: CUT THE COMEDY OR SUFFER LOSS OF GOVT LICENSES. REPLIED SKOREAN COMEDIAN WHEN ASKED ABOUT JOKES CONCERNING PRES PARK, "NOW YOU MUST BE JOKING."

ON OFFICIAL NK VISIT, EGYPTIAN VP TOHAMY CONFIRMED NKOREAN FIGHTER PILOTS FLEW RUSSIAN MIGS AGAINST ISRAEL IN '73 WAR. IN BROADCAST BY NK NEWS AGENCY, TOHAMY PRAISED NKOREAN AIRMEN IN ASSISTING EGYPT/LAUDED "VALIANT KOREAN PEOPLE" (UPI, WSTAR 2/11).

6. INDOCHINA

SHORTCUT FOR COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS THRU LAOTIAN/VIET AIR-SPACE WILL REOPEN 3/25 TO ALL BUT US/ROC/SK CARRIERS.

REOPENING AGREED TO AT VIENTIANE MTG BY VN/LAOS/THAILAND/BRTAIN (AP, NYT 2/12; WSJ).

7. BURMA

AMCIT HENRY EDWARDS/BRIT MALCOLM COPPINGER ROTH FINED 270 DOLS FOR FLYING HELICOPTER OVER BURMA W/O GUB PERMISSION LAST WK. WERE FLYING FROM CHIENG MAI, REPORTEDLY ON WAY TO BANGLADESH, WHEN ORDERED BY BURMESE AUTHORITIES LAND AT MEIKTILA (REUTER RANGOON 2/10).

8. PHILIPPINES

BUSINESSMAN HERMINIO DISINI, WHO HELPED ARRANGED BIL-DOL CONTRACT FOR WESTINGHOUSE TO BUILD NUKE POWER PLANT, SAID IN COMPANY NEWSLETTER HE WAS VICTIM OF US SMEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMPAIGN. IN LTR TO EMPLOYEES, DISINI SAID SALES COMMISSION OR FEES FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION W/OBTAINING CONTRACT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE/THAT AMOUNT REC'D WAS REASONABLE/FAIR. SAID HERDIS CONGLOMERATE UNDER ATTACK FOR ITS SIZE/ALLEGED CONNECTIONS IN APPARENT ATTEMPT NEUTRALIZE IT BY SOME US BUSINESS INTERESTS (REUTER MANILA 2/10).

VALUE/VOLUME PHILS COCONUT EXPORTS IN JAN 2/3 GREATER THAN TOTALS FOR 1/77 (UNICOM NEWS, JOC MANILA).

9. VIETNAM

VIET AMB TO UN ARRIVED PARIS 2/11 DESPITE COURT ORDER DIRECTED AT KEEPING HIM IN US TO TESTIFY IN ESPIONAGE TRIAL (CSM). US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRI PROHIBITED US TRYING FORCE DINH BA THI TO LEAVE. AS HE/WIFE BOARDED PLANE THURS NITE, AIDE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF AMB AWARE OF JUDGE'S ORDER. AT AIRPORT, THI SAID: "IF I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, I WILL BE BACK. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR WORK HERE. JUSTICE WILL WIN." LAWYER FOR INDICTED USIA EMPLOYEE HUMPHREY SAID RELIABLE SOURCES TOLD HIM THI WAS UNAWARE OF JUDGE'S ORDER WHEN HE LEFT US, THAT DOS HAD RESPONSIBILITY INFORM HIM. USG, HE SAID, "SAT ON ITS HANDS AND REFUSED TO TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION" (WP'S SEABERRY/LESCAZE; WSJ'S WEBB; AP, SUN, ALL 2/11).

IN OTHER COURT ACTION, JUDGE DENIED DEFENSE REQUEST REDUCE 250,000-DOL BOND FOR DAVID TRUONG, INDICTED AS CO-CONSPIRATOR IN CASE. HUMPHREY ALSO APPEALED FOR REDUCTION HIS 150,000-DOL BOND, WHICH EARLIER REDUCED BY 100,000 DOLS. NEITHER DEFENDANT HAS BEEN ABLE MAKE BAIL (WSTAR, DUNSON, 2/10).

10. AUSTRALIA

BOMB HIDDEN IN GARBAGE CAN EXPLODED EARLY 2/12 OUTSIDE

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SYDNEY HOTEL WHERE LEADERS 12 ASIAN/PC COUNTRIES GATHERED FOR CONF. THREE PERSONS KILLED/7 INJURED, BUT NONE OF FON LEADERS HURT. POLICE SAID BLAST WAS ATTEMPT SABOTAGE COMMONWEALTH CONF, BUT PM FRASER DECLARED CONF WOULD GO ON AS SCHEDULED. AMONG DIGNITARIES IN HOTEL AT TIME WERE PMS ONN/MULDOON, PLUS STATE LEADERS FROM SINGAPORE/FIJI/PNG/TONGA/NAURU (AP, SUN; REUTER, NYT; UPI, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

RE WOODCOCK/SEN KENNEDY'S RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT IMPERATIVE US NOW SEEK NORMALIZE W/PRC, WSTAR EDIT (2/11) STATES SUCH MOVE WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US ASIAN POLICY. WOULD CONSTITUTE "ABANDONING AN OLD ALLY UNDER PRESSURE AND W/DRAWING A STEP FARTHER FROM OUR FORMER INFLUENCE IN ASIA." NOTES WOODCOCK'S "IRONIC" WARNING ON DANGER OF WAR IN KOREAN PENINSULA; SAYS EASIER TO IMAGINE CHALLENGES TO SEOUL AFTER US DISSOCIATION FROM ROC RATHER THAN BEFORE. CONCLUDES THAT HOWEVER DESIRABLE RAPPROCHMENT BETW US/PRC MAY BE, IT DOES NOT HAVE TO COME SOLELY ON PEKING'S TERMS.

STAR MAINTAINS PRC HAS AS MUCH TO GAIN FROM CLOSER TIES W/US AS US COULD POSSIBLY HAVE. SEES NO EASON WHY US CANNOT HAVE BOTH FULL RELS W/PRC/ROC. POINTS OUT THAT AS WELL AS DEFENDING US STRATEGIC INTEREST IN AREA, CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN FACT ROC MUCH BETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAN PRC.

PFERRER (JOHNS HOPKINS PROF) DOES LENGTHY ARTICLE (SUN 2/12 ON WHETHER REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN PRC STRONG ENOUGH TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSTAIN MOMENTUM, NOW THAT MAO--ARCHITECT OF "GREATEST REVOLUTION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD" HAS DIED. PFERRER SAYS MANY CHINA SCHOLARS WOULD ANSWER "NO," BUT HE BELIEVES THIS JUDGMENT PREMATURE. OFFERS ARGUMENT TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS POSITION AS WELL AS COUNTER THESIS.

J MATHEWS (WP 2/12, HK) DOES FEATURE ON NEW LEADERSHIP'S SHIFT AWAY FROM GANG-OF-FOUR-INSPIRED IDEOLOGY--THAT RAISING PIGS WAS FORM CAPITALISM--TOWARD TOLERANCE THIS PRAC-

TICE. NOTES RECENT "PD" ARTICLE SAYS "IT IS AN HONOR TO BREED PIGS FOR THE REVOLUTION"/"IT IS A VIRTUE TO HAVE FAT PIGS FOR SALE TO THE STATE." RECOUNTS HISTORY OF PRC

HOG PRODUCTION. (ARTICLE SIMILAR TO ONE DONE EARLIER ON SAME TOPIC BY LAT'S L MATHEWS).

TOM BUCKLEY (NYT 2/10) REPORTS SEGMENTS OF '73 12-HR FILM BY DUTCH-BORN FILMMAKER JORIS IVENS, NOW BEING SHOWN IN NYC, WHICH DETAILS LIVES OF ORDINARY CHINESE. DUE TO EARLY ASSOCIATION W/CHOU EN-LAI, IVENS SAID HE WAS GIVEN UNPRECEDENTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN MAKING HIS FLIM, "HOW YUKONG MOVED THE MOUNTAINS."

12. KOREA

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) SAY ETHICS SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI CAUSING "SPASM OF FEAR" IN SK/HOUSE LEADERS BY INSISTING SK PRODUCE KIM DONG JO OR FACE AID CUTOFF. AS TO JAWORSKI'S ABILITY CARRY OUT THREATS, COLUMNISTS FIND HIS "TOWERING REPUTATION" MAJOR FACTOR. ALSO QUOTE HIRC MEMBER THAT CONGRESS SO SENSITIVE TO INTEGRITY PROBLEM/JAWORSKI'S "MEET THE PRESS" COMMENTS THAT "A FEW" SITTING MEMBERS LIKELY GUILTY, THAT "HE COULD DELIVER" ON THREATS. SAY WH/DOS "HEAD-COUNTERS SEE NO CHANCE AT ALL OF DEFEATING JAWORSKI" AT PRESENT. EVANS/NOVAK OPINE THAT WHILE JAWORSKI'S "ANTICS" MAY FURTHER ENSHRINE HIM IN AMERICANS' UNCLASSIFIED

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HEARTS, "COST TO AMERICAN INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD COULD BE EXHORBITANT."

WP'S "STYLE" SECTION HAS FRONT-PG PROFILE ETHICS CMTE MEMBER CAPUTO (R-NY). FOCUSES ON CAPUTO'S NEAR-OBSESSION W/"KOREAGATE" PROBE/UNRELENTING DRIVE FIND TRUTH IN WHOLE INFLUENCE-BUYING AFFAIR (MACPHERSON).

GARNER CARTOON (WSTAR 2/12) DEPICTS ROKG AS MAN DRAGGING TONGSUN PARK BY NECK TOWARDS AUSTERE MAN LABELED "ETHICS COMMITTEES," WHO IS HOLDING "FOREIGN AID" MONEY-BAG. SAYS ROKG, "OOOH - YOU MEAN THIS TONGSUN PARK;"

13. JAPAN

IN MINI ECON ANALYSIS, WSJ'S KANABAYSHI SEES ALTERNATIVES FOR JAPANESE LABOR THIS SPRING AS JOB SECURITY OR WAGE INCREASES--NOT BOTH. SAYS MOST ANALYSTS PREDICT UNIONS WILL AGREE TO PAY INCREASES FAR BELOW ORIGINAL DEMANDS, THUS SETTling FOR MORE SECURE JOBS.

1ST TIME, UNIONS HAVE ASKED GOJ HELP IN THEIR PUSH FOR HIGHER PAY.

WP'S CHAPMAN'S "LETTER FROM JAPAN" (2/12) FOCUSES ON DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING NARITA AIRPORT OPENING. NOTES EVEN W/FACILITY'S MANY GOOD POINTS, IT HAS ALREADY

ACQUIRED TAINTED REPUTATION FOR TROUBLE/VIOLENCE/WASTED
MONEY.

IN WP'S 2/12 "DESIGN/LEISURE" SECTION, CONROY HEADLINES
NEW JAPANESE EMB--"WASHINGTON'S PALACE OF THE RISING
SUN." DESCRIBES EMB'S OPULENCE, FINDING IT SYMBOLIC OF
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"JAPAN, THE INDUSTRIAL GIANT, NOT THE JAPAN OF THE OLD
WOODBLOCK PRINTS."

14. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S CRITTENDEN (2/12) CALLS EX-IM BANK'S LARGEST TRANS-
ACTION--644-MIL-DOL FINANCING PACKAGE TO FACILITATE FILI-
PINO PURCHASE NUKE POWER PLANT FROM WESTINGHOUSE--ITS MOST
EMBARRASSING. NOTES IT LED TO ALLEGATIONS OF MULTI-MIL-DOL
IRREGULAR PAYMENTS BY WESTINGHOUSE TO CO OWNED BY CLOSE
FRIEND MARCOS/WAS APPROVED IN SPITE OF 400 PCT INCR IN
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